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SAYING THE NEWSCASTER AL AHMED SAID TODAY U.S. EMBASSY POLITICAL ATTACHÉ ERIC ODELL, WHO LEFT FOR WASHINGTON YESTERDAY AFTER THE EGYPTIANS FRAMED HIM A CIA AGENT, WOULD NEVER RETURN HERE.

THE NEWSPAPER, IN A STATEMENT APPARENTLY OFFICIALLY INSPIRED, SAID ODELL'S WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN WOULD ALSO LEAVE SOON.

AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN, ASKED ABOUT THE AL AHMED REPORT, SAID HE HAD "NO INFORMATION" ON WHETHER ODELL WAS RETURNING. HE SAID THE U.S.A. HAS NOT OFFICIALLY DECLARED ODELL PERSONAE NON GRATA.

AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID WHEN ODELL LEFT YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD GONE "FOR CONSULTATIONS."

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